

LITERARY NOTES.

An "edition de luxe" of Julian Hawthorne's biography of his father and mother will be published by J. R. Osgood & Co. The work will be brought out in November.

This Hawthorne biography is placidly mentioned by "The London Echo" as "the long-promised biography by Mr. Justice Hawkins of his father and mother," which is to be published by "Messrs. Osborn, of Brighton."

The Rev. Father Bidou's book on "The Germans" has been translated into English for the Blackwoods and will shortly be published by them.

Robert Buchanan's new novel, "Foxglove Manor," is announced for immediate publication.

Mr. Howell's comic opera, "A Sea-Change," will be published in Little Classic size by J. R. Osgood & Co. The title of Mr. Howell's forthcoming novel is "The Rise of Silas Lapham."

A writer in "Notes and Queries" says: "In the old chancel of Lee, Kent, there is an inscription taken from what was once a fine marble tomb erected in memory of Bryan Asprey, esq., one of Queen Elizabeth's gentlemen pensioners, and lessee of Kidknap Manor from 1577 till his death in 1603. It was raised by his third and youngest daughter, Cordell or Cordella, and, after giving some particulars as to other members of the family, goes on to state:

"Cordell, the youngest daughter, at her own proper cost and charge, caused a testimonial of her dutiful love unto her Father and Mother, caused this Monument to be erected for the perpetual memory of their name. All obituary, etc. Omnes sequuntur."

If Shakespeare ever saw this stone or knew this family, he may have erected a more lasting memorial of this living daughter in the story of another Cordelia, like her the youngest and most dutiful of three. It is worthy of remark also that the scene of Lear's wanderings is a tenth, "within a mile or two on the way to Dover!" Quiry, Blackheath? One of the chief characters in the play bears the name of Kent. Another circumstance I mention with some hesitation, because if there is anything in it, some learned Shakspearian must have observed it before now. The cordelia of this inscription becomes the wife of a very distinguished man, William Harvey, a famous soldier in the days of the Spanish Armada, who for his services in various wars was created Baron Harvey of Bawdsey. His initials recall to mind the mysterious Mr. W. H. to whom Shakespeare dedicated his sonnets, and whose identity has long perplexed students.

T. B. Peterson & Brothman bring out a new edition in paper covers of the "Three Guardsmen Series."

"The Life and Writings of John Howard Payne" is the title of a book which is coming from the pen of Mr. Gabriel Harrison, and which will be published by Lipincott.

One of the most attractive gift books of the coming season will be found in Houghton & Mifflin's "Illustration of Dr. J. H. Brown's Poetry." The two handsome editions of Mr. Stephen's poems will be brought out about the same time.

J. R. Osgood & Co. will soon publish a novel by Mr. H. L. Nelson, speaker of the House of Representatives. It is entitled "John Howard."

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